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LIBERTY LINK

A Newsletter for Liberty Lake Citizens

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MAYORS MESSAGE

As we begin a new year, let's celebrate some of the great accomplishments we have completed together! How many of you realize that the City of Liberty Lake has reduced taxes 3 times since 2001, making us the second lowest levy rate in Spokane County? Your City Council has set aside 15% of the general fund to keep us fiscally sound in this economy. We are always looking for sustainability in everything we do, and are stretching your tax dollar as far as it can go.

We will be celebrating many events-starting with the annual pancake feed with Kiwanis, Easter Egg Hunt in the morning and All Fool's Hunt in the evening. Come join us on Saturday, April 3rd! Look for the details within the newsletter.

Our seniors will be adding an extra day for Meals on Wheels! Join us on Monday and Wednesday at City Hall for lunch and activities. Our recreation department is partnering up with Spokane Valley to offer even more incredible activities for both the young and young at heart!

Rocky Hill Park will be completed this summer! A huge thank you for the donation of land from Greenstone and grant funding from Washington State. Looking forward to volunteering with you!

Mayor Wendy Van Orman

EASTER EGG HUNTS

By Wendy Van Orman
Mayor

2010 LIBERTY LAKE EASTER EGG HUNT AND ALL FOOLS' HUNT

SATURDAY, APRIL 3RD

Schedule of events:

8:00am to 11:00am—Liberty Lake Kiwanis Pancake Feed at Liberty Lake Elementary School

11:00am—Community Egg Hunt at Pavillion Park for ages toddler thru 4th grade (Pre-Registration required of 6 eggs filled with wrapped candy or \$5.00 per family).

8:00pm—Fourth Annual Liberty Lake All Fools' Hunt! Hunt begins at Trailhead at 8:00 pm. Bring your flashlight to hunt for great prizes and candy! Come early for hot chocolate and popcorn! 5th to 12th graders welcome. All proceeds go to the Shriner's Hospital for Children.

REGISTER FOR THE HUNTS:

City Hall Registration:
Saturday March 27th (10 to 3pm)
Monday 29th (4 to 7pm)
Wed. March 31st (4 to 8pm)
All Fools' Registration is also available online for \$5 at www.libertylakewa.gov or \$10 at event.



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SPOKANE COUNTY RENT AND UTILITY ASSISTANCE

By Christine Barada

Spokane County



Spokane County residents who are on the brink of homelessness may be eligible for a new program intended to help with rent payments and other services. The Spokane County Community Services, Housing, and Community Development Department has received a \$622,278 grant through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 to help individuals in need before they become homeless.

The grant money is being made available through the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), which allows Spokane County to administer the Homelessness Prevention (HP) program. The federal housing agency expects that these resources will target households that are most in need of temporary assistance and are most likely to achieve stable housing.

Specifically, Spokane County will focus these dollars on residents in unincorporated areas, as well as the cities of Airway Heights, Cheney, Deer Park, Fairfield, Latah, Liberty Lake, Medical Lake, Millwood, Rockford, Spangle, Spokane Valley and Waverly.

The HP grant funds will primarily be used for rental assistance and will not provide mortgage assistance, legal or other fees associated with retaining homeowner housing. However, renters who are about to become homeless may receive assistance with utilities and rent. The HP program defines utilities as those required

for water, heat and waste. Ineligible costs include telephone, cellular phone, cable, internet, credit card debt, transportation costs, car repair, food, medical, dental, clothing, home furnishings, pet care, licensing, training, construction or child care. All funds are issued directly to a third party and not directly to program participants. All qualified recipients will be linked to consumer credit counseling, equipping them with successful household budgeting skills.

Eligibility criteria include; residence in one of Spokane County's outlying areas, demonstration of 50 percent or less of the Area Median Income, lack of subsequent housing options and a lack of financial resources and support networks needed to remain housed. As an example of the income eligibility criteria, a family of 4 would be eligible if their total gross household income was \$30,100 or less per year. The Spokane County 2005-2009 Consolidated Plan demonstrates that over fifteen thousand households in the county's outlying areas meet the income-eligibility criteria of earning less than 50 percent of the Area Median Income.

For more information, the public should call 2-1-1. Those interested in applying for assistance must first complete a screening survey. Applicants may call 2-1-1 and apply over the phone, access the online survey directly at:

www.spokanecountyhprp.com

or learn more about the program and access the survey at:

www.spokanecounty.org.

For more information on the Homelessness Prevention Program, the public should call 2-1-1 or go to www.win211.org.

TRAILHEAD GOLF COURSE SPRING UPDATE

By Mollie Thola

Golf Pro

HAPPY SPRING! With such a mild winter, it has given us a "jump start" for our season at Trailhead. There are lots of golf lesson opportunities such as Junior Golf camps, Adult Group lessons, Private lessons, Semi-Private lessons for 2-4 people, and clinics for all ages and abilities. Come on out, dust off your clubs and take advantage of great early spring weather. If you have any questions regarding tournaments, equipment, golf camps, or lesson programs please call the Pro Shop at (509) 928-3484 or visit our website at libertylakewa.gov.

2010 Spring Golf Camps:

ADULT GROUP LESSONS: \$90

Session 1-Tuesdays:

April 13, 20, 27, May 4, 11

Session 1-Thursdays:

April 15, 22, 29, May 6, 13

JUNIOR GOLF CAMPS: \$48

Session 1-Saturdays:

April 3, 10, 17, 24

Session 2-Saturdays:

May 1, 8, 15, 22

For beginners, intermediate and junior novice players

JUNIOR NOVICE CAMP: \$300

April 3, 10, 17, 24, May 1, 8, 15, 22, June 5, 12, 19, 26

(from 11:00am to 12:00pm)

July 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, 29, August 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19

(from 8:00am to 11:00am)

SIGN UP Online or at Trailhead

LIBERTY LAKE MUNICIPAL LIBRARY NEWS

STORY TIMES

By Amy Dickeson
Children's Librarian



Tuesdays
10:30am
Toddler/Preschool
Story Time
18+ months



Thursdays
7:00pm
Pajama Story Time
Come in your PJ's!
All Ages



Fridays
10:15am
Baby Lapsit
Ages 9 months—24 months

11:00am
Toddler/Preschool Stories & Songs
18 months and up

1:00pm
Stories and Crafts
3 years and up



LIBRARY UPDATES

By Tracy Rebstock
Librarian

Adult Book Clubs:

The second Monday at 1:30pm and the second Thursday at 6:30pm. Check our website for title selections.

Chess at the Library:

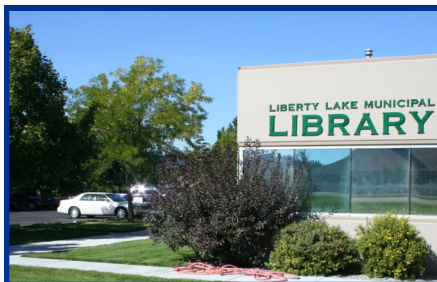
Come and play chess, for all ages! First and third Wednesdays 6:00pm-7:45pm and First and third Saturdays 10:30am-1:00pm. Check our website for dates!

Weekend Fun at the Library:

Come to the Library for crafts, art projects, games or activities. Fridays from 3:30pm-5:30pm and Saturdays from 1:30pm-3:30pm. Designed for kids 5 and up. Younger kids are welcome to participate but they may need assistance!

For more information on our programs and events, please visit the Library website at: www.libertylakewa.gov/library or come visit us at the Library.

"I cannot live without books."
Thomas Jefferson



Come see us at the Library!

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MARCH AT THE LIBRARY

By Tracy Rebstock
Librarian

Teen Tech Week:

Teen Tech Week will be March 7th thru the 13th. Libraries around the country celebrate with teens the technology that we have available. We are celebrating with a Robot Contest. Build a robot, bring it to the library Friday, March 12th, at 5pm and entries will be judged! Robots will receive certificates and the creator may win PRIZES! Registration is required. For guidelines and the registration form please check the Library's website www.libertylakewa.gov/library and go to Teen Space. Registration forms must be received by March 1st. You can drop them off at the Library or email them to Tracy trebstock@libertylakewa.gov

Movie Release Party:

Wednesday, March 3rd, starting at 6:30pm. Alice In Wonderland is coming to the theaters...are you ready for the movie? Come to the Library and enjoy games, activities, trivia and prizes! Dress as your favorite character!

Nancy Stewart Concert:

Wednesday, March 17th, starting at 6:30pm. The Friends of the Library has partnered with the Kindergarten center to bring back this incredible children's performer! Come and join us for some singing, dancing and learning!



Q & A

HOW TO SUBMIT A QUESTION?

One of my goals as Mayor of Liberty Lake is to be as open as I can and give answers to some questions you may have. Hence, this special Question and Answer section in our newsletter gives you the chance to get those questions answered directly by me. Please send questions you may have to: wvanorman@libertylakewa.gov. I will try to answer most of your questions in upcoming newsletters. Until then, I look forward to meeting you.

MAYOR VAN ORMAN



To read Questions & Answers visit our Q & A Web Page: www.libertylakewa.gov/questions

Question to the Mayor:

"I keep hearing the census will be taken again soon for 2010. Why do we take the census, and why should I participate in it?"

Answer from the Mayor:

"'Stand up and be counted' will be a recurring theme throughout the community for the Census count this year. Why is it important?"

- The U.S. Constitution (Article 1, Section 2) mandates a headcount every 10 years. This has been carried out every 10 years since it was first conducted in 1790.
- The population totals determine the number of seats each state has in the House of Representatives. States also use the totals to redraw their legislative districts.
- Approximately \$300 billion in federal funding is distributed to communities each year based on the data collected.
 - The allocation of funds benefit programs for education, elderly, public transportation, road rehabilitation and construction, emergency food and shelter, and empowerment zones. The demographic data will help in future market research for economic development.

Keep in mind that the information collected only helps businesses make important marketing decisions, helps with federal and state funding, as well as helps determine how many seats each state has in the House of Representatives."

Question to the Mayor:

"Is the census data that is collected really confidential?"

Answer from the Mayor:

"The answers provided are strictly confidential and protected by law (Title 13 of the US Code, Section 9). It is illegal for information to even be shared with any other government agencies. No court of law, not even the President of the United States can access your individual responses."

Question to the Mayor:

"Why was there no newsletter in January?"

Answer from the Mayor:

"In order to save the City about \$14,000 per year, the Liberty Link will now be published bi-monthly and on a slightly smaller-sized paper. Residents can expect to receive 6 newsletters each year. The decrease in page width was not significant enough to change the amount of information the newsletter can contain, and therefore was done to save money as well. The Liberty Link newsletter is essential in keeping our residents up to date with information on upcoming events, recreation programs, issues, and policies of our City government."

IN OTHER NEWS:

During a recent meeting with President Michael Marzetta of Altek, he shared about getting our students excited about the future in working with (12) area schools in the robotics competition. CVSD has "Teach the teachers program" getting our local Liberty Lake businesses involved with showing and teaching teachers on what future needs will be for their business. Mark March 10th on your calendar for Career Day!

RECREATION SERVICES

SENIOR LUNCH NOW OFFERED ON MONDAYS!

By Troy Mullenix

Recreation Coordinator

Come join the fun at Senior Lunch! Starting in March, lunch will now be offered by Spokane Valley Meals on Wheels on Mondays & Wednesdays at City Hall in Liberty Lake!

The Senior Lunch Program allows seniors who are not homebound to come together and enjoy a hot nutritious meal, socialize with others, and participate in social, recreational and educational activities. This program serves anyone 60 years of age or older.

Doors open at 11:00am, with lunch served around 11:30am. No reservations are needed as there is plenty of room to accommodate all people in our City Hall Council Chambers.

SENIOR LUNCH DATES:

Wednesday Feb 24th
Wednesday March 3rd
Monday March 8th
Wednesday March 10th
Monday March 15th
Wednesday March 17th
Monday March 22nd
Wednesday March 24th
Monday March 29th
Wednesday March 31st

Join us for a special Senior Game Day immediately following lunch on the 2nd Wednesday of every month starting at 1:00pm.

For more information on the Senior Lunch Program, contact Spokane Valley Meals on Wheels at (509) 924-6976.

Sign Up & Pay Online 24/7!

<http://www.libertylakewa.gov/recreation>



Chiefs Hockey Tickets

Enjoy some great hard-hitting hockey action with the Spokane Chiefs! Purchase tickets at a special discounted group rate of only \$9 per person.
NEXT GAME: SAT FEB 27th
Chiefs vs. Tri City Americans
Breast Cancer Awareness Night
BUY TICKETS online or at City Hall



Dance Classes

Ballroom, Romance & Swing!
Monday classes run April 5th thru May 10th at CenterPlace.
These new and exciting dance classes are jointly offered through Spokane Valley and the City of Liberty Lake Parks and Recreation Departments. Ages 16 & up!
SIGN UP online or at City Hall.



Financial Seminar by STCU

Thursday March 4th—Credit Cards:
This session will cover the changing requirements and alert you to credit card practices that haven't changed. Offered by Jamie Dedmon, session runs from 6:00pm to 7:30pm at City Hall and includes a free dinner.
Cost: FREE! (Please RSVP)
SIGN UP online or at City Hall



Spring Break Theatre Camp

Spend your Spring Break exploring all areas of the fabulous theatre! Experience how to audition for a play, how to design a set, costume making, application of theatrical makeup and MORE! Camp runs March 29th thru April 2nd from 9:00am to 3:00pm. \$120
SIGN UP online or at City Hall



Tai Chi For Health

Tai Chi is a slow, gentle exercise that can be performed by any age or fitness level. 10-week class runs Mondays March 22nd thru May 24th from 6:00pm to 7:00pm. All Ages! \$75 (includes all 10 classes)
Classes are at City Hall
22710 E. Country Vista Dr
SIGN UP online or at City Hall

GET INVOLVED WITH THE CITY OF LIBERTY LAKE

Regular City Meetings:

City Council
1st & 3rd Tuesday of every month
City Hall Council Chambers
22710 E. Country Vista Dr
7:00pm—10:00pm

City Planning Commission
2nd Wednesday of every month
City Hall Council Chambers
22710 E. Country Vista Dr
4:00pm—6:00pm

Community Organizations/Meetings:

Central Valley School Dist—Board Meeting
2nd & 4th Monday of every month
CVSD Main Office
19307 E. Cataldo Ave
6:30pm—7:30pm

Friends of Pavillion Park—Board Meeting
1st Thursday of every month
Greenstone Building, 2nd floor
1401 N. Meadowwood Lane, Suite 200
7:00pm—8:00pm

Kiwanis Club of Liberty Lake
Every Wednesday
City Hall Council Chambers
22710 E. Country Vista Dr
6:45am—8:00am

Lions Club of Liberty Lake
Every Wednesday
Guardian Angel Homes
23102 E. Mission Ave
12:00pm—1:00pm

Liberty Lake Centennial Rotary Club
Every Thursday
Denny Ashlock Building
22510 E. Mission Ave
12:00pm—1:00pm

SCOPE
1st Wednesday of every month
City Hall Council Chambers
22710 E. Country Vista Dr
6:30pm—8:00pm

Youth Commission
1st & 3rd Mondays of every month
City Hall Council Chambers
22710 E. Country Vista Dr
7:30pm—8:30pm

*All meetings listed are subject to change.

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